



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – A B-2 from the 325th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and two F-15E Strike Eagles from the 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron fly in formation over Guam. Members of the 325th EBS are deployed to Guam from Whiteman as part of a 120-day Air Expeditionary Force deployment.

Joint training hones skills

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

Pilots from the 325th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, are honing their warfighting skills by flying joint missions with F-15E Strike Eagles, Navy F-18 Hornets and Navy EA-6B Prowlers.

The F-15Es are part of the 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron deployed from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and the Navy jets are part of the USS Kitty Hawk with Carrier Air Wing 5 and the USS Nimitz with CAW 11 based in Yokosuka, Japan.

Strike Eagles carry the largest payload of any fighter aircraft in the U.S. inventory. Therefore, they're commonly part of the same strike package as B-2s in exercise and combat, said Maj. Brian Gallo, 325th EBS.

"As the Air Force progresses toward more dynamic targeting, strike aircraft must work together to strike emerging targets," the major said.

For example, the F-15E uses multiple sensors to determine targets and pass them to the B-2 pilots. "The B-2 and F-15E can then perform a radar talk-on to ensure the B-2 has positive identification of the target before dropping weapons," Major Gallo said.

This new F-15E mission is known as strike coordination and reconnaissance.

To date, the 325th EBS has conducted two training scenarios with the 391st EFS. The first was joint direct attack munition integration. On these missions, the bomber and fighter spent one to two hours at the Farallon de Medinilla range where the F-15E passed two to four targets and the B-2 used its radar to positively ID the target and then drop inert GBU-31(V)1s on the targets.

Another Strike Eagle role is air-to-air combat, so another integration scenario is providing escort for the B-2 to sanitize the airspace of enemy fighters before the B-2 conducts air strikes, the major said.

The Navy integration takes advantage of aircraft carri-

ers having the unique capability of deploying close to any fight, contributing F-18s and EA-6Bs into most U.S. strike packages.

The Hornet performs SCAR and escort missions similar to the F-15Es. The Prowler performs electronic attack, primarily with radar jamming to deceive enemy air defenses to help hide the B-2 during its strike missions.

"You could consider the EA-6B a stealth enabler," Major Gallo said. "One pilot from (Navy unit) VAQ-136 emphasized the importance of our integration by saying, 'low-observable assets are our primary customer in every Pacific Command operations plan.'"

The two aircraft flew an integrated mission to highlight the capabilities of each aircraft and teach the jamming priorities of low-observable aircraft compared to conventional strikers. The one-hour sortie was flown with one B-2 and two EA-6Bs.

The Spirit crew flew a typical strike mission while the Prowler pilots denied acquisition using radar jamming against a simulated enemy air defense system, Major Gallo said.

The 325th EBS pilots said they enjoy the integrated training.

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to see carrier operations first hand and gained an appreciation for the awesome capability the carrier battle group brings to our nation's defense through air power," said Maj. Alan Sanders, 325th EBS pilot.

Major Gallo said the Guam local air space has provided a unique opportunity for the B-2 to integrate with the F-15E and employ real weapons against dynamic targets. "This training is as close as you get to combat without actually being shot at by the enemy," he said.

"Integration with the EA-6B is most important to help suppress the enemy's air defenses and enable the B-2 to strike targets unscathed. As the war progresses to dynamic targets, B-2s will start to rely on other assets like the F-15E to identify and pass targets on the dynamic battlefield," Major Gallo said.

News in Brief

Run-a-thon for wingman

The wing warrior run at 7:15-9 a.m. July 29 will be combined with a run-a-thon fund raiser for Tech. Sgt. Luke Ford, 509th Mission Support Squadron. Sergeant Ford was recently hospitalized. The money will be used by Sergeant Ford's family to help cover expenses.

Airmen's Bash held tonight

Everyone is invited to the 3rd Annual Airmen's Summer Bash 3-10 p.m. tonight in the quad located in the middle of the dorms. There will be free food, beverages, live entertainment, prizes and games.

Quarterly awards scheduled

The 509th Bomb Wing Quarterly Awards Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. Thursday at Mission's End. The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, coffee, water and juice. The cost is \$7.80 for members and \$9.80 for nonmembers. Sign up by July 22. For more details or to sign up, see your unit first sergeant.

Ongoing gate construction

Construction on a new Spirit Gate guardhouse began Monday. Drivers are encouraged to use the Arnold and Lemay gates. Arnold gate hours are 5 a.m.-10 p.m. and Lemay gate hours are 5 a.m.-7 p.m. Construction on the new gatehouse is expected to last 12 weeks.

The Spirit Gate entrance will stay open during construction. However, traffic may at times be limited to one lane inbound and one lane outbound which can cause delays. For more details, call Jerry Forste at 687-6293.

AF names officer promotees

The Air Force released the quarterly captain selection list. The captain promotees are: **1st Lts. Allison Thigpen**, 509th Bomb Wing; **Jason Ellis**, 394th Combat Training Squadron; **Michael Burrell**, 509th Comptroller Squadron; **Ross Hustings**, 509th Maintenance Squadron; and **Tammy Rounsavall**, Det. 440 Air Force ROTC, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Student enrollment set

New student enrollment at Knob Noster and Whiteman Elementary schools takes place 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 1-5.

Kindergarten screening for Knob Noster Elementary takes place 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 1. For more details or an appointment, call 563-3019.

Kindergarten Screening for Whiteman Elementary takes place 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 4. For more details or an appointment, call 563-3028.

Both elementary schools will hold their Open House on Aug. 18. Whiteman Elementary's open house will be 6-7 p.m. and Knob Noster Elementary's open house will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. The first day of school for all district students is Aug. 22.

BCC luncheon set

The next base community council luncheon takes place noon Aug. 4 at Mission's End. The featured community will be Warrensburg.

The menu is chicken Caesar salad. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Aug. 1. No Late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call Melissa Klinkner at 687-6122.

Greetings



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Col. Pat Cord, 442nd Fighter Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, greet civic leaders from San Antonio as they exit a KC-135 Stratotanker Wednesday. The civic leader tour program increases U.S. citizens' awareness and understanding of the Air Force's role in national security by inviting groups of elected, business and community leaders to witness the Air Force mission firsthand. Col. John Hesterman, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas accompanied the civic leaders. During a dinner at Mission's End, Col. Hesterman said, "Although the tour of Whiteman lasted only a few hours, it will live on in the hearts of these civic leaders for years. Thank you for allowing us to see the world's most incredible bomber and meet the people who make the missions happen."

To all personnel,

I am a U.S. Marine Corps officer stationed at United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. and I had the fortunate opportunity to spend some time at Whiteman this past weekend due to a weather divert.

The circumstances leading up to the divert were unexpected and came about very quickly. From the first phone call on Thursday afternoon to the command post, I felt there was something much different about Whiteman. The entire weekend was filled with people who not only did their job, but took it upon themselves to bend over backward to make sure our stay was the best of experiences.

As a Marine, I pride myself in being a part of a select group who does not settle for the status quo. From the people in the command post, communications, and base operations to the people at Whiteman Inn and security section, I could tell you did not settle for mediocre performance.

As a pilot, I have visited many air stations, posts and bases around the world, and I have never had as positive an experience as I did at Whiteman. There is an incredible air of fine leadership at all levels and I thank you for your professionalism and support.

Maj. Kevin "Algae" Moss
U.S.M.C.
USSTRATCOM

It's all about you

By Lt. Col. Lindsey Borg

509th Mission Support Squadron commander

The Air Force's most highly valued weapon system is getting a major upgrade to its maintenance support. No, it's not the B-2 I refer to – it's you, the Airmen who are the Air Force's greatest asset and major investments are today being made to bring exciting new capabilities and improvements throughout the personnel system.

Here's just a glimpse of what your mission support squadron is doing as we together move into the future.



is significant. Nearly every unit has fewer Airmen today than just a few years ago. These reductions make it difficult to have people away from the job to take care of even critical personnel actions.

By placing personnel capability in the units and directly with Airmen, all can spend their duty time in their primary mission areas.

Web-based manpower systems

The systems that underpin the Air Force's manpower structure are in the midst of an upgrade that moves the information to a user-friendly, web-based system. When the upgrade is complete, the system will allow faster, more accurate manning information and action for units.

The manpower flight also is more closely integrated with the Personnel Readiness Unit as deployment requirements are first determined and then Airmen are deployed to meet them.

NSPS

The DoD's civilian personnel system is undergoing its largest change since World War II with the arrival of the National Security Personnel System, or NSPS.

The new system will replace today's GS and SES grade structure and allow civilian employees to be paid for their performance instead of being tied to a rigid structure.

Parts of NSPS are being tested this year and our civilian personnel office is doing much work to prepare for the system's rollout. Whiteman is likely to see the new system in place by late summer 2006.

Discovery Resource Center and community readiness

The family support center soon will undergo a major change with the construction of the Discovery Resource Center. This center will provide family support center visitors soon a wealth of information from books, computers and other materials. This approach allows visitors to help themselves or meet with one of the very capable family support center consultants.

The Discovery Resource Center is an example of the family support center's keen focus on providing a ready community.

In addition to what's found in the building, the center staff is more directly involved with commanders and supervisors to deliver their expertise in the squadrons. This effort directly helps Whiteman Airmen

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Enhanced services

Today, the web-based Virtual Military Personnel Flight gives Airmen the ability to check personal information in the personnel database and to take action in some areas.

For example, among other actions, one can apply for retirement, update emergency contact information, out-process from an assignment or check decorations and other career information without a visit to a commander's support staff or the military personnel flight.

Virtual MPF is a huge leap forward from the not-so-distant past when these actions meant a trip to the MPF or a call to the Air Force Personnel Center.

As good as Virtual MPF is, however, the new system will more completely present your personnel information, allow direct corrections and updates to information and provide quick assistance from experts when necessary.

Some enhancements already are available. For example, the Air Force provides personnel expertise 24/7 through the Personnel Contact Center.

The center can help to work personnel issues for Airmen away from Whiteman. Eventually, the center will help with issues an Airman can't do himself via the web-based system.

Another advancement is this week's training of personnelists from commanders' support staffs to access MilPDS, the computer data system that holds every Airman's personnel information. CSS personnelists now will use a new, Web-based interface to update records in the squadrons instead of requiring Airmen to make a trip to the MPF.

Reducing the need for a trip to the MPF

**"Airmen
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Combat Airmen recognized Tuesday

By Senior Airman Neo Martin
Public Affairs

Five Airmen from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron were honored during an award presentation Tuesday at Mission's End.

At the ceremony Tech Sgt. Brian McGee received the Bronze Star for outstanding achievement and meritorious service; Staff Sgt. David Dunne and Senior Airman Brian Leverton were awarded the Purple Heart for suffering wounds in the line of duty Nov. 30, 2004; and Senior Airman Mario Salaiz was awarded the Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster for suffering wounds in the line of duty Nov. 18 and 30, 2004; and Senior Airman George Keen earned the Pitzenbarger Award for heroic life saving acts Nov. 30, 2004.

"This is an opportunity for us to recognize these heroes and give them a moment to share their experiences," Col. Constance Davis, 509th Mission Support Group commander, said at the opening of the event.

During the ceremony each combat Airman was given an opportunity to share their story with the more than 200 attendees.

The Airmen began by talking about their vehicle operations training in San Antonio, Texas, including the basic combat convoy course, land navigation techniques and close quarters combat training. Each combat veteran then gave their individual accounts of the action they encountered while deployed with Detachment 2632 ending with how the overall experience changed their lives.

All of the honorees agreed the experience heightened their appreciation for life and they are proud to have been there to help each other.

"Ordinary people can find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. We are all capable of overcoming these obstacles. The training we are receiving is good – it

works," said Sergeant McGee. "Our combat Airman leaders aren't just the officers – every Airman and sergeant can lead in the field to get us through."

Before the ceremony ended and the Air Force song was sung, the commander of the 509th Bomb Wing summed up the ceremony with some final words to the crowd.

"The awards and decorations these Airmen earned represent the essence of the sacrifice we all potentially can make. This isn't something anyone sets out to get – it comes to them," Col. Chris Miller, 509th BW commander, said. "We all need to be ready to do what (these Airman) have done. We can only hope to be as good as them."

The Bronze Star

The Bronze Star Medal was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt Feb. 4, 1944.

The Bronze Star Medal may be awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the United States armed forces in combat, distinguish themselves by heroism, outstanding achievement, or meritorious service.



Tech Sgt. Brian McGee

The Pitzenbarger Award

The Pitzenbarger Award may be earned by Air Force members who perform heroic and courageous acts in potentially hostile situations for the safety and well being of others with out regard for their personal safety.



Senior Airman George Keen

Purple Heart



Staff Sgt. David Dunne



Senior Airman Mario Salaiz



Senior Airman Brian Leverton

The Purple Heart was established by Gen. George Washington Aug. 7, 1782.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an armed force or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving with one of the U.S. Armed Services, has been wounded or killed:

In action against an enemy of the United States.

While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an conflict against an opposing force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

As the result of an act of a hostile foreign force.

As a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, recognized as such an attack by the Secretary of the Army, or jointly by the separate armed services concerned.

As a result of military operations while serving outside the territory of the United States as part of a peace-keeping force.

509th MOS welcomes new commander

Rank and Name: Maj. Kelly Scott
Squadron: 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Date assumed command: July 14

Previous assignment: U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Time in service: 27 years, 4 months

Commissioning source: Officer training school

Family: Wife, Joann; and daughters, Jami and Briana

Hobbies: Woodworking, hunting, fishing and motorcycling.

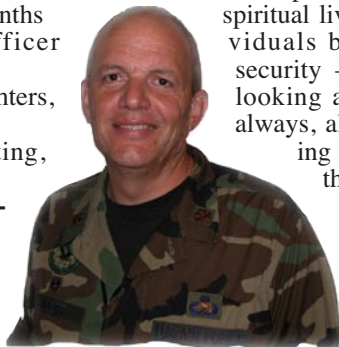
How does your squadron contribute to the Air Force mission:

The MOS runs various programs supporting the wing maintenance effort. Our members monitor, schedule and coordinate maintenance and flying hours. They also research and develop procedures and subsystems to keep the B-2 mission capable. Finally, they are responsible for training programs that educate our maintainers. The MOS profes-

sionals bring efficiency to the fight, pure and simple!

Command philosophy: Pride is key to building effective organizations. Before unit members can take pride in everything they do, they need to feel relatively secure in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives. Leaders help individuals build this individual security — and instill pride by looking after their people and always, always, ALWAYS leading by example. These are the roots of an effective organization.

Goals for new position: I would like every member to look forward to coming to work each day and putting forth his or her best effort. I'm here to make sure they have the tools to do just that. Our goal is to become the very best MOS team we can be — and be recognized by the Air Force as the best in our business.



509th AMXS welcomes new commander

Rank and Name: Lt. Col. Kevin Gulden

Squadron: 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Date assumed command: July 15

Previous assignment: 354th Maintenance Squadron Commander, Eielson Air Force Base, AK.

Time in service: 16 years 5 months

Commissioning source: Air Force ROTC, Penn State Univ.

Family: Wife, Cindy; children Shelby, Zack, Randy, Cody and Ryan

Hobbies: Camping and sports

How does your squaddron contribute to the Air Force mission: We are highly

trained maintenance professionals providing mission-ready B-2's for global airpower.

Command philosophy: Be honest and fair in every decision and action. Provide good, honest feedback so that we all can be better Airmen.

Goals for new position: Maintain the superb tradition this squadron has set for itself and keep improving things for the future.



New Medical Group commander arrives at Whiteman

Capt. Joe DellaVedova
Public Affairs

Col. Gloria Twilley became the new commander of the 509th Medical Group when Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, handed her the group's guidon during a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday at Mission's End.

As commander of the medical group Colonel Twilley is responsible for the health and fitness for the people who support the Air Force's only B-2 bomber wing. She leads a team of 220 medical professionals who deliver medical and preventative care for more than 12,000 active-duty, retired and family members.

"I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to take command of the 509th Medical Group," Colonel Twilley said. "Our goal is to continue the tradition of excellence and to take care of this wing's most valuable resource ... its people."

"Our most important job is to preserve the health of our warfighters and the health of their family members."

When Colonel Miller addressed members of the wing's medical group during the ceremony he said, "Colonel Twilley is a proven leader. She is ready to take the reins of this group and lead it to new heights." He added, "Although the B-2 Spirit is a powerful flying machine, it is the 509th Medical Group who really maintains the world's most complex weapon system and that is our airmen and their family members who help to make the mission happen."

In Colonel Twilley's last assignment she served as the command nurse for Headquarters Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. She oversaw the day-to-day clinical operations for 12 AMC community-based medical treatment facilities. She also mentored and provided career guidance to 14 nurse executives, worked closely with enlisted leadership and coordinated medical issues with the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Col. Gloria Twilley, 509th Medical Group, accepts the guidon from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, during a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday at Mission's End.

command surgeon and air staff.

She entered the Air Force in 1982 following a direct commission into the United States Nurse Corps and has served in a variety of leadership positions in the medical service career field. Colonel Twilley has been a staff nurse, charge nurse, flight nurse, instructor, flight commander and squadron commander.

Wing members and Colonel Miller bid a farewell to Col. (Dr.) Rick Bachmann, who served as the 509th Med. Gp commander since July 2003. "The Bachmann family has served the men and women of Whiteman and their loved ones extremely well. They have taken care of our Airmen and have lived up to the medical group's unofficial motto of 'No health, no stealth.'"

The former medical group commander's next assignment is to be the commander of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

Correction:

In the July 15 issue of the *Whiteman Spirit*, the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron was incorrectly listed as being deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. It should have read as the 325th EBS being deployed. The 391st Expeditionary Force Squadron should have read the 391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.

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Whiteman loses one of its own

A 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron member, Staff Sgt. Douglas Flowers, was discovered dead at his home July 17. The cause of death is apparent suicide.

Sergeant Flowers arrived here Dec. 3, 2003. During his tour here, Sergeant Flowers served as a vehicle mechanic in the squadron's vehicle management flight. He helped to maintain and repair the vehicles Whiteman relies upon to accomplish the wing's mission. He also provided vehicle support in Iraq.

The 24-year-old was a native of Janesville, Calif. After joining the Air Force in August 1999, Sergeant Flowers filled much of his time with his sons and loved playing Texas Hold'em poker with friends.



Staff Sgt. Douglas Flowers

"Doug was a sharp, very determined, outspoken NCO and will be missed by vehicle management flight (members) and the base community," said Master Sgt. Scott James, 509th LRS.

A memorial service was held June 21 at the base chapel. The funeral will take place near his hometown.

Sergeant Flower's awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, NCO Profes-

sional Military Education Graduate Ribbon and Air Force Training Ribbon.

Sergeant Flowers is survived by his two sons, Jaden and Dohnavan; and by his mother, Patricia; father, Douglas; and brother, James.

There are no problems insurmountable. Team Whiteman has several different resources on base to help anyone dealing with hardship.

- ◆ The Chapel's 24/7 help line 1-866-395-HELP (4357)
- ◆ Contact your first shirt. They can get you the help you need.
- ◆ The family support center has several different programs to help military members and their families which include the personal financial management program. The PFMP gives people basic financial tools to help them analyze their financial status, helps them look at different options and helps them plan a strategy to improve their financial stability. For more details, call the FSC at 687-7132.
- ◆ Life Skills offers individual and marital counseling, and classes. During duty hours call 687-4341. After hours call ambulance services 687-1191 or the command post at 687-3700.

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Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

Joe Kendrick, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, talks to children outside the youth center about construction site safety.

Kids learn construction dangers

By Senior Airman Neo Martin

Public Affairs

In an effort to build construction safety awareness in Whiteman's youth, members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron invited the children to see a house get torn down July 18.

Children from the youth center donned hard hats, were given day-glow green shirts and took a field trip to Forbes St. to see first hand the destructive power of the machinery. During the trip, contractors and 509th CES members spoke to the children about the importance of remaining outside the orange construction fence and out of

construction zones at all times.

"Construction is inherently dangerous," said Mary Wilcoxon, 509th CES. "This is an excellent opportunity to stress the importance of safety to the children."

Presently Whiteman has multiple construction sites. "These sites pose a real hazard to people walking through them unannounced. Youth are naturally interested in construction. They must be told how dangerous it is," Mrs. Wilcoxon said.

"The machine operators can't see in all directions," Joe Kendrick, 509th CES said. "People can be hurt accidentally (on a construction site). The best way to stay safe is to stay out of these fenced off zones."

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Families First will transform service members' moves

By LaWanda York

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Packing, handling and shipping of personal belongings is a great concern for service members when relocating. Yet, the process of moving service member's household goods has remained virtually unchanged for many years. To modernize this process, the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command is developing a process called Families First and is scheduled to launch the benefits phase Feb. 1, 2006.

"We are extremely proud to introduce this transformed personal property program that will provide benefits and safeguards to individual service members," said Maj. Gen. Charles Fletcher, SDDC commander and leading proponent for Families First.

Mobilization and relocation can be a stressful part of military life. Families First is designed to alleviate some of the stress.

"Families First supports the armed force's most important stakeholders, the military and civilian service customers," said Thomas Hicks, program director for personal property moves for SDDC.

"The working partnership between the moving industry and the U.S. military is a longstanding, productive, and positive relationship," Mr. Hicks said. Every year, approximately 500,000 service members and civilian employees move to new duty stations. With each move, the stakes are high for both the customer and the transportation service provider. In an effort to maximize the best value for the customer and the provider.

Presently, transportation services are selected based on the lowest cost with little

Families First offers:

- ♦ Full-replacement value for property lost or damaged beyond repair.
- ♦ Direct claims settlement between the service member and transporter.
- ♦ Web-based counseling option.
- ♦ Increased emphasis on direct deliveries — reducing temporary storage requirements.

consideration for performance. Under Families First, transportation offices will use a 'best value' approach focused on performance. The majority of the business will be awarded to transportation services who do the best work as measured by the customer. Every customer has the opportunity to complete a web-based survey to measure the performance of their movers.

"We all share the goal of providing the

best customer service to those who deserve it the most, the American service member," Hicks said. "Families First unites the moving industry, the services and SDDC in a cooperative manner to achieve this goal."

Based on this information, transportation service providers providing the best service will receive the most business. In turn this emphasis on customer satisfaction stimulates better quality work from all transportation service providers.

Currently, service members may only receive a depreciated value for property lost or damaged beyond repair in a move. The new program entitles people to the current replacement value of the item.

As an example, a five-year-old radio with a replacement cost of \$200 depreciates at 10 percent a year reducing the value

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Pet requirements for Japan PCS change

Pet import requirements for animals entering Japan have changed. Any failure to comply with the guidelines will result in automatic 180 day quarantine at the owners' expense. Each item below is important and must be accomplished as soon as the military member is aware of relocation to Japan.

Microchipping — must be completed before any other requirements. The identification number of the chip must be noted on the rabies certificate, health certificate, and on the fluorescent antibody virus neutralization test results sheet.



Vaccinations — at least two rabies vaccinations are required since being microchipped. The first vaccination must be given no later than 12 months before arrival. The vaccination can be given with the microchip. The second vaccination should be given at least 30 days after the first.

FAVN test — must be performed after second rabies vaccination and is good for two years. *Puppies and kittens less than 12 months old:* blood must be drawn more than 30 days after second rabies vaccination. *Dogs and cats more than 12 months old with a history of vaccinations:* blood can be drawn two days after second vaccination.

Advance notification — send notification to Port of entry Animal Quarantine Service as soon as travel arrangements are known and after the first three steps.

Health certificate — required for each animal traveling in or out of Japan. The health certificate is only valid for 10 days. Please note the traveler will lose one day traveling to Japan from the US.

U.S. Department of Agriculture certification — any health certificates issued by a licensed civilian veterinarian must be certified by a USDA veterinarian and bear the USDA raised embossed seal. Health certificates issued by a military veterinarian don't require USDA certification.

Age requirement — Japan discourages the importation of dogs and cats under 12 months. Pets under 11 months can be imported but must start out with a 180 day quarantine period.

Quarantine period — the quarantine period is primarily determined by the date when the blood for FAVN test was collected. Quarantine length is also assessed by the sequential order and completion off all previous steps. Any fault found in any of these areas will result in an automatic 180 day quarantine period.

For more details, call the vet clinic at 687-2667.

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\$100. Under full-replacement value, the transportation service providers will either replace the lost or damaged item with a new item or reimburse the full cost of a new one.

Some exceptions where the transportation service provider may replace the lost or damaged item with a comparable used item are boats, personal watercraft, ultralight aircraft, pianos, musical organs, firearms, art objects, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

Today moving claims are handled through the closest military claims office. In Families First, service members file a claim directly with the transportation service provider using SDDC's web-based claim filing process, a part of SDDC's new Defense Personal Property System. If no settlement is reached within 30 days, a service member may transfer the claim to the military claims office.

Presently, service members receive pre-move information from the local transportation office or the Department of Defense pamphlet It's Your Move. In Families First, service members have an additional option and convenience to receive pre-move counseling through SDDC's web-based Defense Personal Property System.

Families First provides a payment program feature that automates payments to transportation service providers. The introduction of automated PowerTrack payments for transportation service providers enables them to be paid for their moves within 5 to 7 days. This important program feature will especially benefit the small business owner sector of the moving industry. PowerTrack assists their business operations by eliminating payment delays and providing a consistency to their cash flow.

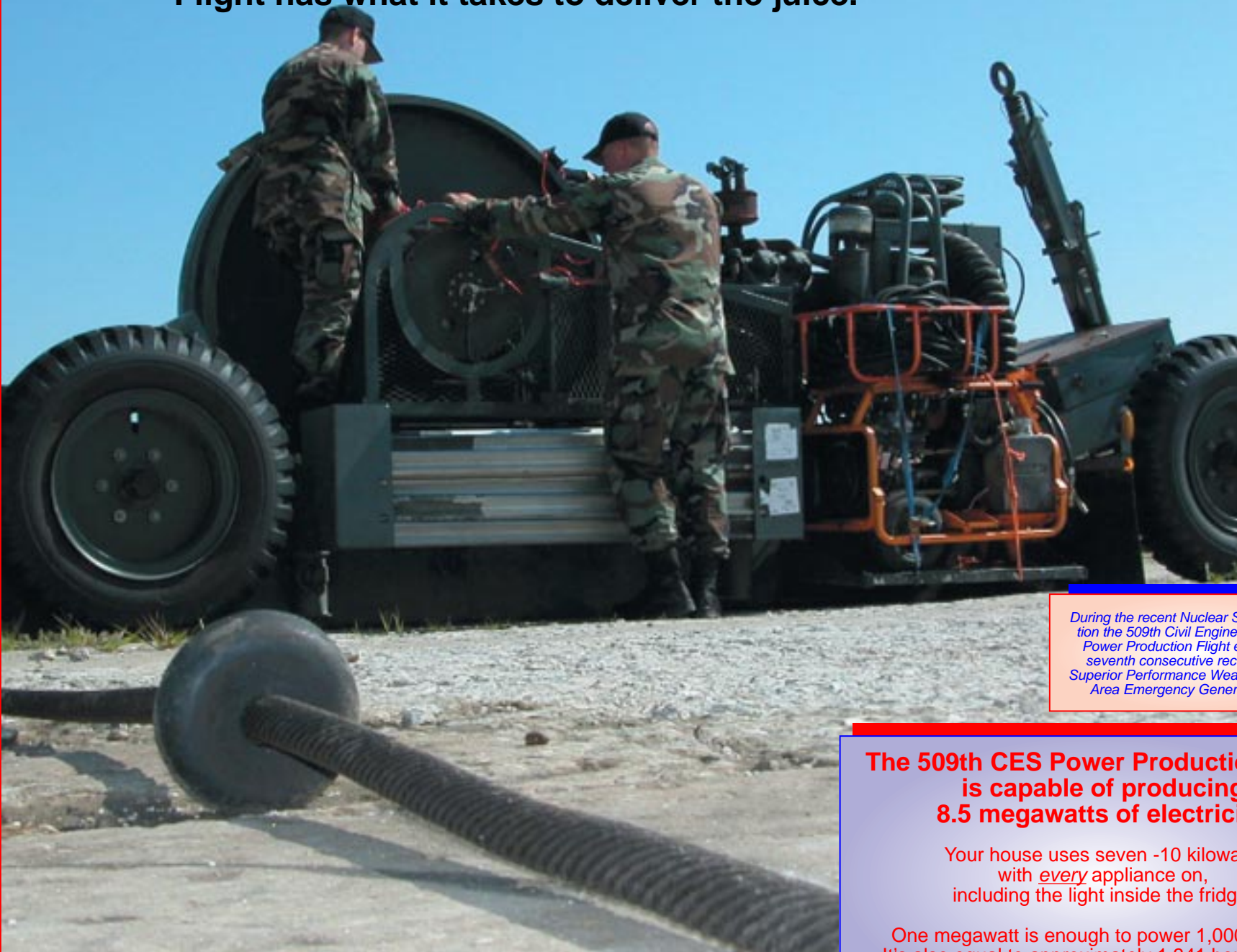
"We recognize Families First is a dramatic change in the way we do business," Hicks said. "The greatest challenge is managing business among competing firms."

To follow the implementation of Families First and to keep apprised of the business rules as they develop, go to the SDDC web page at www.sddc.army.mil and click on the Families First link.

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POWER TRIP

From generating electricity to keep the mission going in a crunch, to recovering aircraft, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Power Production Flight has what it takes to deliver the juice.



Members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Power Production flight prepare to bleed air out of the hydraulic on a mobile aircraft arresting system. When deployed the unit members set up and support electrical generator operations and the MAAS. The MAAS is used to assist tail-hook equipped aircraft land on short or damaged runways. The hydraulic break system increases pressure, or stopping power, like a seat belt as the velocity and weight of a landing aircraft is applied.

Photos by Senior Airman Neo Martin

During the recent Nuclear Surety Inspection the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Power Production Flight earned their seventh consecutive recognition as Superior Performance Weapons Storage Area Emergency Generator team.

The 509th CES Power Production Flight is capable of producing 8.5 megawatts of electricity.

Your house uses seven -10 kilowatts with every appliance on, including the light inside the fridge!

One megawatt is enough to power 1,000 homes. It's also equal to approximately 1,341 horse power.

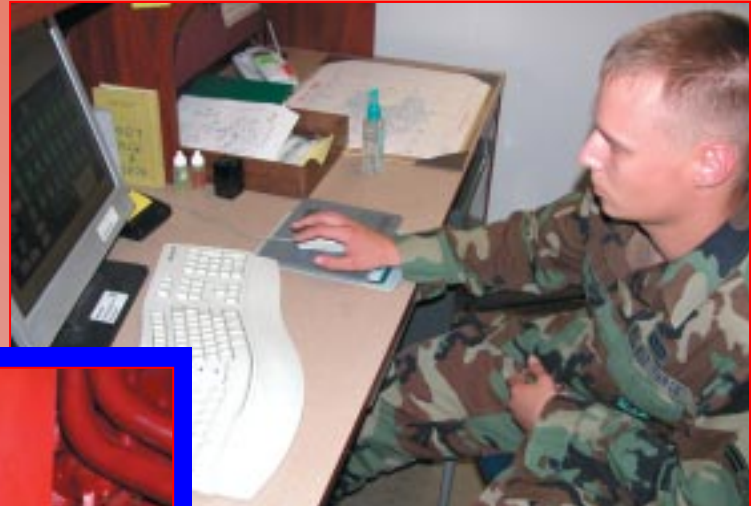
8.5 megawatts can power 850,000 100-watt light bulbs.



Rod Fleming, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, checks continuity in an engine control panel. The 509th CES Power Production Flight maintains and tests the engines to ensure they will work when needed. The 460 horse power six cylinder caterpillar engine is one of four diesel power plants that are part of a deluge pump system. The deluge pumps supply power for fire suppression for the B-2 hangars.



Airman Jeremy Young and Senior Airman Matt Perkins repair a five kilowatt-three-phase generator with a fuel leak. Generators like this one are used to supply power to medical tents and for other temporary or emergency electrical demands.



Airman 1st Class Nicholas Levesque, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Power Production Flight, reviews the base generators operational status. The generators are all monitored by a remote computer system that alerts power production flight members to changes in the power grid or generators. If there is an after duty hours power issue the supervisory control and data acquisition system will call flight members to notify them of the changes.



Tech. Sgt. John Lagassey and Senior Airman Marc Bakker, perform a visual and functional test on an automatic transfer panel. The panel is designed to sense when power has been disrupted or fluctuates beyond set standards and automatically triggers the generator to start. The entire process from power shut off to generator start and power resupply takes less than one minute. Sergeant Lagassey and Airman Bakker are members of the 509th CES.

Duty day luau for enlisted

By Master Sgt. Norman Clair

Whiteman Top 3 Association

The 12th annual Enlisted Luau will take place 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 26 at Skelton Park.

It's open to enlisted active duty, Guard and Reserve members, civilian equivalents and family members. The cost is \$3 in advance and \$4 at the event. It's free for children 13 and younger. Tickets can be purchased from your squadron luau representative.

This once-a-year event is sponsored by the Whiteman Top 3 Association and is designed to promote esprit de corps, said event organizer Master Sgt. Roscoe Van Ausdoll, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

The menu for this alternate duty location event will be roasted pork, beef, bake beans, potato salad and coleslaw.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers will be avail-

able to drive people home.

"We want people to get together for a day of fun at the lake," Sergeant Van Ausdoll said.

The event offers volleyball and horseshoe tournaments, paddleboat rides, food, all-you-can-drink beverages and prizes.

"We've got lots of great door prizes lined up," Sergeant Van Ausdoll said. Last year, more than \$3,800 in donated prizes was given away.

Even though ticket sales pay for the food, Sergeant Van Ausdoll said the Top 3 pays for whatever ticket sales don't cover. The 2004 event cost more than \$3,600.

"This isn't a money-making event. We just want to have a duty day that's fun for enlisted members," Sergeant Van Ausdoll said.



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What's Happening

Community

Blood drive today

A blood drive takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today at the chapel annex. Pizza and other refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Whiteman Officer's Spouse's Club. For more details, log onto <http://www.BloodIsLife.org> or e-mail Jennifer Belardo at mikeandjenbelardo@yahoo.com.

CMSU hosts meetings

Students who noted they were interested in the Aviation degree and certification programs during their tour at Whiteman have a new opportunity. Representatives from Central Missouri State University host meetings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday at the education center. The meetings will present information regarding CMSU's aviation programs and there will also be an open forum discussion.

For more details or to make a reservation, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

B-2 tours available

Do your family and friends want to see the B-2 up close? They can view the B-2 from 10:45 a.m.-noon Aug. 12, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 in front of base operations. To sign up or for more details, call public affairs at 687-6128.

Airman's Attic all ranks month

Due to an overwhelming amount of donations and generosity form the community, the Airman's Attic is running out of space. The Airman's Attic is having all ranks days now through July 29.

The Airman's Attic hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Singles mingle Sundays

Singles can meet at 6 p.m. Sundays at the base chapel's Singles in the Sun event. The meeting place is the gazebo behind the dorms. Attendants will discuss what they look for in a mate, personality traits, spirituality, etc. A free cookout will be provided and attendants can also play volleyball. For more details, call the chapel at 687-3652.

CASK meeting set

Caring Adults Special Kids will hold a meeting 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12 in the family support center. CASK is a support group for parents of special needs children. Anyone interested may come. For more details, contact Jennifer Greenslit at 660-266-2493 or E-mail jrgreenslit@charter.net, or contact Delia Everett at 660-287-3704 or E-mail geertje63liefje@yahoo.com.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more information, call them at 687-1500 or 6720.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

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be ready to deploy and helps their families during the separation.

Airmen development

Delivery of key education programs has changed recently to improve availability and ease of use. Examples of these exciting improvements include on-line application for tuition assistance and computer-based testing for professional military education courses.

Another very visible change for Airmen development here is the \$10.7 million Professional Enhancement Center under construction adjacent to the 509th Bomb Wing headquarters.

This state-of-the-art center is a clear example of Whiteman's dedication to the development of its Airmen. The center will house the First Term Airmen Course, the career assistance advisor, the Airman Leadership School and the Base Training and Education Center when its doors open in August 2006.

Modernization efforts of any sort come with considerable price tags, and these are no different. The military personnel system changes, for instance, are being paid for with a reduction of 1,500 personnel authorizations Air Force wide. Just two years ago, the 509th had 76 personnelist authorizations.

Today there are 61 authorizations and by the end of 2010 the personnelist population will consist of 51 billets to meet

unit and MPF mission needs beyond what the new services provide.

However, the planned improvements and technologies will bridge the gap today filled by Airmen personnelists. Unfortunately, the new improvements won't be delivered all at once.

Over the next few years we'll see gradual changes and enhancements that, in the end, will deliver a modern, very capable and easy system for all Airmen.

Customer service is our squadron's top priority and will remain that as we manage these exciting changes. Whiteman is blessed to have some of the best Airmen the Air Force has to offer. The 509th MSS will continue to strive for excellence as we make the best better.

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Here batter, batter, batter

Pitcher Dennis Gage of the St. Joe Sluggers strikes out Mark Worley, right fielder for the Springfield Eagles. More than 130 Special Olympians from surrounding areas participated in the Missouri Special Olympics central area softball tournament here July 15 and Saturday. The 509th Services Squadron scheduled 12 teams to play on four different fields. More than 200 volunteers from Whiteman helped by sponsoring teams or cheering for these special athletes.



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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Swimming olympics

Squadrons and individuals are invited to take part in the outdoor recreation swimming olympics. There will be races in all the basic strokes as well as a one mile distance race. The competition starts 9 a.m. July 30 at the base pool. Refreshments will be provided.

Ski boat safety course

The next ski boat class is 1-5 p.m. Aug. 4 at Windsor Crossing. The cost is \$5. Call outdoor recreation for more details.

Lawn mower servicing

Outdoor recreation can now service non ride-on lawn mowers. The cost is \$25, which doesn't include supplies.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Sand volleyball tournament

Get a four-person team together for the base volleyball tournament. The competition takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Sign up today at the fitness center front counter.

Beat the heat 20K relay

Get together a team of four for a 20K relay race around the Royal Oaks Golf Course. Registration is at 7 a.m. at the club house, the race starts at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 8. Sign up by Aug. 5.

Dodgeball tournament

Take part in the annual Whiteman dodgeball tournament, 11a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 15-18 in the eagle gym at the fitness center. Teams of six should sign up by Aug. 13 at the fitness center.

Tickets and Travel 687-5643

Disney salutes US forces

From Aug. 1-Oct. 4, active duty and retired military personnel can save 30 percent on stays of one to three nights and 40 percent on stays more than four nights at Walt Disney World resorts in Orlando, Fla.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Monthly club coin special

Club coin holders can receive a free salad when they purchase one of equal or greater value and show the coin.

Comedy night

There will be a comedy night from 8 p.m.-midnight today at Mission's End. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

ACC \$1 dinner and country night

Club members can eat dinner for \$1 5-8 p.m. July 30. The menu includes barbecue brisket and chicken, baked beans, potato salad, corn bread and peach cobbler. After dinner there is a country disc jockey and dancing from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Grand re-opening

Stars and Strikes bowling center has reopened after extensive renovations. Come in for a frame or two and check out the new decorations.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Advanced jewelry class

Jewelry makers who attended the intermediate class can move onto the advanced class 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Wednesday. The class will wrap a birthday penny with brass wire and create a chain using sterling silver wire, which will also be used to wrap a semi-precious stone. The \$35 doesn't include supplies. Stop by the arts and crafts center to see samples. Sign up by Saturday.

Craft fair

The arts and crafts center is registering vendors for the upcoming craft fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 27 at Mission's End. There is a vendor fee of \$10. Register by Aug. 26. Only handmade crafts will be accepted.

Teen Center 687-5819

Teen pool party

The teen pool party takes place 5-10 p.m. Saturday at the base pool. There will be swimming, music and food. The cost is \$7.

Float and camping trip

Explore the Current River with the teen center's four-day camping and float trip. Camp alongside the river and cover 16 miles of beautiful Missouri waterway. The trip starts at 7 a.m. Tuesday and returns by 8 p.m. July 29. The cost is \$65 per person. Slots are limited to the first 12 teens who sign up.

Youth Center 687-5586

Craft class

A free class to help kindergarten-third graders develop their skill and interest in craft activities takes place 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Children will use different methods to create several pieces of work to take home. Sign up by Monday.

Ice skating trip

Escape the heat and spend the afternoon skating in Kansas City, Mo. The trip takes place 1-7 p.m. July 30. Admission will be paid for by youth center JR. TRAIL funds. Cost of transportation is \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Sign ups start at the youth center on Monday.

Soccer camp

Soccer players can improve their teamwork, skills and sportsmanship at a youth center soccer camp. The camp for ages 5-8 runs 8:30-11:30 a.m. and for ages 9-14, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 1-4. Sign up now, priority will go to youths who have previously played with the youth center. The cost is \$50 per child and \$35 for each additional child from the same family.

Community Center 687-5617

Bark in the park

This event has been cancelled due to the forecast weather conditions. It will be rescheduled for the Fall.

Photography class

Bring a 35mm camera with two rolls of film or a digital camera along to this class at the community center and learn how to work with lighting, angles and presentation in order to achieve better photographs. The class includes a tour of the base's photogenic spots for participants to put theory into practice. The class takes place 2-4 p.m. July 30.

Missoula's Children's Theater auditions

Auditions are being held by the Missoula Children's Theater group for kindergarten-12th graders to star in a musical version of "The Jungle Book". Sign up at the community center by July 28, the auditions begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 1 and the performances are 5 and 7 p.m. Aug. 5 at the youth center.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Family child care orientation class

Receive training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 15-19. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Pick up a registration package from the family child care office by Aug. 10.

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly ill children. The Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted.

Library 687-6217

Summer reading finale party

Anyone who has taken part in the summer reading program can attend the finale party starting at 6:30 p.m. today at the library. Prizes will be awarded to the top readers in each age group and all readers will receive vouchers for Pizza Hut* and Hastings*.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

No time for baths?

The vet clinic now sells a waterless shampoo for dogs and cats, which doesn't require wetting or rinsing the pet. The product is tearless with optical brighteners, lanolin-enriched and contains no harsh chemicals. It's pH balanced and doesn't leave any irritating residue. To purchase, visit the vet clinic on Lockbourne Terrace.

Movie Schedule

Friday		
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lava-girl	7 p.m.	PG
Starring - Taylor Lautner and George Lopez		
Saturday		
Mr. and Mrs. Smith	7 p.m.	PG-13
Starring - Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt		
Sunday		
The Honeymooners	5:30 p.m.	PG-13
Starring - Cederic the Entertainer and Mike Epps		

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.
For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

Saturday, August 6

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

At Shelton Park

Sign up at the Youth Center by August 6

KidsDay

Enjoy a morning at an outdoor carnival with games, face painting, balloon animals, fire truck ride, an inflatable obstacle course, bingo and more. You can even join Outdoor Recreation for a trip around the base lake in a paddle boat. AAFES concessionaire will be selling lemonade, funnel cakes, cotton candy and sodas.

Learn about Family Child Care & how you can become a provider!

America's Kids Run

9-10 a.m.

Check in at 8:30 a.m.

Register by calling the Community Center at 687-6217

Win Great Prizes including an electric scooter from Wal-Mart* in Warrensburg and Services

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Gift Bags For The First 400 Kids!!!

Get A Free T-Shirt